Expansion of Jodhpur Civil Airport

641. SHRI B. L. PANWAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of the increase in quantum of passenger traffic at Jodhpur Airport there is any proposal for the expansion of the civil airport ;

(b) if so, whether the provision of necessary/essential amenities for passengers including facilities for parking of vehicular traffic is being considered ; and

(c) if so, what are the details of facilities being considered and what is the amount sanctioned for this purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The National Airports Authority has plans to extend and modify the existing Terminal Building and car park at Jodhpur airport. A provisional allocation of Rs. 2 crores has been made in the draft Eighth Plan for these works.

Shortage of Aircrafts with Vayudoot

642. SHRI J. P. JAVALI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that shortage of aircrafts with Vayudoot has rendered many new airports under National Airports Authority, defunct ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) what action is taken to acquire new aircrafts to bring the new airports built at huge costs under air services ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Due to commercial and operational reasons undermentioned stations were dropped from the operational network of Vayudoot :

Rajouri, Kota, Bhatinda, Bikaner, Jabalpur, Rewa, Satna, Guna, Bilaspur, Jagdalpur, Along, Passighat, Daparizo, Tezu, Gaya, Dhanbad, Rourkela, Kamalpur, Balurghat, Malda, Bellary, Thanjavour, Mysore, Hubli, Calicut, Cuddapah, Ramagundam, Jeypore, Daman, Ratnagiri, Sholapur, Osmanabad, Akola, Nanded, Warrangal, Rupsi, Rae Bareli, Hissar, Pantnagar, Jaisalmer, Kailashahar and Deesa.

(c) Due to financial constraints, Vayudoot is unable to purchase new aircraft at present. Therefore, restoration of services to above stations excepting Nanded is not possible at present.

Action Plan for Development of Tourism in Madhya Pradesh

643. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has formulated any action plan for the development of tourism in Madhya Pradesh ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) whether Government proposes constructing more Yatri Niwas in Madhya Pradesh and also to allow private sector to establish a chain of low and medium hotels in the State to promote tourism ; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Formulation of action plan for development of tourism in any State is the responsibility of the concerned State Government.

(c) and (d) The discussions to identify projects/schemes for 1992-93 are yet to be held with the State Government of Madhya Pradesh. The responsibility for giving infrastructural facilities to private sector for establishing hotels rests with the State Government.